

1. The Amendment filed February 5, 2008 has been entered in part. The amendment to the claims has been entered, while the amendment to the specification has not been entered. This was agreed to during a telephone conversation between the examiner and Mr. Sadao Kinashi on April 14, 2008.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

a) The prior art does not disclose or suggest a Cu-based amorphous alloy including a phase having the amounts of copper, zirconium and/or hafnium, and aluminum and/or gallium as specified in instant claims 1 and 2, together with the various properties as defined in those claims.

b) The terminal disclaimer filed on February 5, 2008 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent 7,056,394 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Wyszomierski whose telephone number is (571) 272-1252. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Roy King, can be reached on (571) 272-1244. All patent application related correspondence transmitted by facsimile must be directed to the central facsimile number, (571)-273-8300.

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